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Bridge over the Kunderu in Bapatla taluk.

* 1003 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a representation, dated 11th August 1952, from the villagers of Thotavaripalem, Bapatla taluk, Guntur district, has been received by the Government requesting them to construct a bridge across the Kunderu flowing between Ipurupalem and Thotavaripalem; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon, by the Government?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Fair price depots for weavers.

* 1004 *Q.*—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the action taken by the Government in regard to the representations received from the handloom weavers of Guntur, Krishna, West and East Godavari districts that fair price depots should be opened immediately to supply rice at fair prices owing to the increase in price of rice available in the market?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" The Collectors of East and West Godavari districts have been permitted to open fair price shops in upland and rural areas of their districts and to issue 4 ounces of rice plus 6 ounces of other grains per adult per day.

" The Collector of Krishna has also been permitted to open fair price shops in the rural areas of the deltaic taluks and to issue 4 ounces of rice plus 6 ounces of other grains. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies has been given the discretion to open fair price shops in the upland areas also and issue rations on the same scale, if necessary. Fair price shops for the issue of rice will be opened in Guntur and Nellore districts, if there is need for them."

Cattle mortality in drought-affected areas.

* 1005 *Q.*—SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether there is under consideration of Government any proposal to appoint a committee to take statistics of cattle mortality in drought-affected areas?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government."

[* 1006 *Q.*—Postponed for answer on 27th July 1953.]